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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This in response to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed March 4, 2009 a reply to  
which is due one month, i.e., April 4, 2009.

**REMARKS**

The application is subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner requires restriction  
among the species of the claimed invention as shown in claims 1-57.

The Examiner has restricted the invention under 35 U.S.C. §121 into the following  
groups:

Group I. Claims 1-44, 56-57, drawn to a method for treatment of lignin-containing  
material.